TIPS for School Improvement

Using data to Improve Student Achievement:
Ten Tips for the Principal

To build the capacity of teachers to use classroom assessment data to improve student achievement, the principal must help teachers:

1. **focus data analysis on improving student learning;**
2. **make the connection between data and standards;**
3. **focus attention on a critical question;**
4. **utilize a user-friendly model of data analysis;**
5. **make data meaningful and manageable;**
6. **organize data in an effective format;**
7. **use basic concepts and vocabulary in data analysis**
8. **distinguish between descriptive data and interpretations;**
9. **formulate insightful questions about data; and**
10. **disaggregate data in a meaningful manner.**

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